

CHAPTER NO. 494

SENATE BILL NO. 2012

By Person, Williams

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2158

By Buck, McMillan

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 3, relative to court interpreters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16, Chapter 3, Part 8, is amended by adding the following new section:

16-3-813. Any person seeking to become a credentialed court interpreter for spoken foreign languages pursuant to any rules that may be promulgated by the Supreme Court shall be required to supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation pursuant to §38-6-109, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, other law enforcement agency, or any other legally authorized entity. In addition to the fee required by §38-6-109, the sheriff or any other law enforcement agency may assess a fee of up to ten dollars (\$10.00) for costs incurred in complying with this section. Any fees assessed in the criminal background records check process is the responsibility of the person seeking to be credentialed as a court interpreter of spoken foreign languages.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 11, 2002**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2002**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR